

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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REMARKS

Applicants submit this Second Preliminary Amendment and request that the claim amendments be entered prior to examination on the merits. Applicants note that a Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was filed via facsimile on November 7, 2005. This Second Preliminary Amendment is based upon the aforementioned Reply and the First Preliminary Amendment, filed January 28, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Summary of Claim Amendments

Applicants have canceled Claims 1-15 and provide herein new Claims 16-46. The new claims are based upon the original claims according to the Correspondence Table presented below. No new matter has been added.

<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Corresponding Original Claim</u>
16	1
17	2
18	3
19	3
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23	5
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<u>New Claim</u>	<u>Corresponding Original Claim</u>
33	9
43	9
35	9
36	9
37	10
38	11
39	11
40	12
41	13
42	13
43	14
44	14
45	14
46	15

Substitute Specification

Applicants also submit a substitute specification complying with 37 CFR 1.125 including a marked-up copy and a clean copy. The substitute specification is based upon the specification with the Translation of PCT Annexes, pages 1-3a and 7 substituted prior to amendment. The description has been revised to eliminate express references to claims as originally filed by substituting therefore text drawn from the original claims as appropriate. Further revisions include the addition of headings and the correction of minor grammatical errors. No new matter has been added.

Abstract

A new Abstract on a separate sheet is provided herein.

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Summary

An early and favorable examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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